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Hike 8: Foliage for Flatlanders

The Cy and Bobbie Sweet Trail

Durham and Newmarket

Elevation gain: negligible

Length: 4.3 miles one way

Time: About 3 1/2 hours

Highlight: View of a large beaver lodge and dam across Colby Marsh near the beginning of the trail on Longmarsh Road in Durham



Pictured above: The Cy and Bobby Sweet Trail covers an area that Aristotle Onassis once wanted to use for oil storage. Photo by Susan Laughlin.

The Cy and Bobbie Sweet Trail is a particularly flat path that meanders four miles from Longmarsh Road in Durham to the Great Bay Estuary in Newmarket. Built by the Great Bay Resources Protection Partnership, it opened in 2010 and is named for two long-time conservationists from New Castle. It begins at a boardwalk that leads to a great view of a beaver dam before meandering its way through the 2,500-acre Crommet Creek watershed. The trail provides a ground-level tour of the freshwater estuary as it wends its way to an overlook of Great Bay. Along the way there are several viewing platforms overlooking the marshes and woodlands, beaver ponds and even a great blue heron rookery. There is additional access to the trails from Dame Road in Durham and [Lubberland Creek Preserve](#) in Newmarket. For a map of the trail and other information visit nature.org.